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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : AB/2941/2026

JAIDUL ISLAM AND ANR
SON OF LATE ABDUL RAHIM, AGED ABOUT- 65 YEARS, RESIDENT OF VILLAGE- TENGAGURI, AMUGURI, P.S. SORBHOG, DISTRICTBARPETA, 781317, ASSAM

2: SMTI MANJULA BEGUM
WIFE OF JAIDUL ISLAM

RESIDENT OF VILL- TENGAGURI
AMGURI
P.S. SORBHOG
DIST. BARPETA
ASSAM
PIN-78131

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM AND ANR
REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, ASSAM

2:SMTI JONALI ROY
WIFE OF CHITRA CHOUDHURY
RESIDENT OF VILLAGE- DEOHATI PART-I
P.O. ABHAYAPURI
DISTRICTBONGAIGAON
PIN CODE-783384
ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR G BORDOLOI, V LOHE,MS. J BURAGOHAIN

Advocate for the Respondent : PP, ASSAM,

BEFORE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANJAN MONI KALITA

20.11.2026

Heard Mr. G. Bordoloi, learned counsel appearing for the accused applicants and also heard Mr. K. K. Parasar, learned Addl. PP for the State of Assam.

2. This is an application under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 praying for granting pre-arrest bail to the accused applicants, namely, (i) ***Jaidul Islam*** and (ii) ***Smti. Manjula Begum*** in connection with Bongaigaon P.S. Case No.205/2026 registered under Sections 96/127(4)/143 (5)/ 64 (1)/3 (5) of BNS, 2023.

3. An FIR was lodged on 07.09.2026 by one Jonali Roy and others before the Officer-in-Charge, Bongaigaon Police Station, alleging, *inter alia*, that on 06.09.2026, at around 5:00 p.m., they were informed by the parents of a minor girl that several minor girls were being held captive at Brahmaputra Hotel, located at Chapaguri Road, opposite Axis Bank, and were being sexually assaulted and harassed. It is also alleged that, upon receipt of the information, the informants, on behalf of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (Bajrang Dal), went to Brahmaputra Hotel, located at Chapaguri, and found that four minor girls were locked inside a room.

4. On being asked, they came to know that the girls were minors, aged about 14, 16 and 17 years, respectively and two of them was 17 years old. It is further alleged that the accused No. 1 named in the FIR, namely, Anthony Hussain, had trafficked the girls from Kokrajhar and Chirang on

27.08.2026 and thereafter kept them confined and exploited them by exposing them to various customers for sexual favours. It is alleged that the accused No. 2 is the owner of the Hotel and the accused No. 3 is the Manager of the Hotel. It is also alleged that the owner and the Manager of the said Hotel provided special rooms for such activities for their personal and financial gains. It is stated that, upon being informed, the police rescued the girls from the hotel, however, accused No. 1 managed to escape from the place.

5. On receipt of the FIR, police registered Bongaigaon P.S. Case No. 205/2026 under the aforementioned Sections.

6. The learned counsel for the accused applicants submits that the present accused applicants are relatives of one Pir Mohammad, who is the joint owner of SPA-cum-Saloon situated at Bijni, Chirang, wherein, the main accused, namely, Anthony Hussain is also the joint owner. He submits that some of the co-accused had already approached this Court by filing anticipatory bail application and this Court had granted anticipatory bail to those co-accused persons. He submits that the accused applicants are no way linked to any trafficking and sexual exploitation of the aforesaid girls, however, the Police are looking for them. He submits that the accused applicant No.1 is a retired Government servant and the accused No. 2 is the wife of the accused No. 1. He submits that both of them are willing to cooperate with the investigation and therefore, this Court may be pleased to grant anticipatory bail to the accused applicants.

7. Mr. K. K. Parasar, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, on the other hand, opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the accused applicants, stating that there is no apprehension of the accused applicants in the instant case and therefore, no relief should be granted to the accused applicants in the instant case.

8. Taking into account the entire facts of the case and on consideration of the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing for the parties, this Court is of the considered opinion that the accused applicants should be granted anticipatory bail.

9. Accordingly, it is directed that in the event of arrest of the accused applicants, ***named above***, they shall be released on pre-arrest bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.30,000/- each, with a surety of like nature to the satisfaction of the arresting authority subject to the following conditions:-

(i) the accused applicants shall appear before the Investigating Officer within 10 days from today;

(ii) the accused applicant shall cooperate with the investigation and make themselves available as and when called for; and

(iii) the accused applicants shall not tamper or hamper with the investigation of the case, in whatsoever manner.

In view of the above, the anticipatory bail application stands disposed of.

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